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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

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(II) a co-catalyst component comprising a compound of at least one element selected from the group consisting of beryllium, magnesium, calcium, strontium, barium, boron, aluminum, gallium, manganese, cobalt, zinc, germanium, antimony and phosphorus.

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claimed in any one of claims <sup>30</sup>~~45~~ to <sup>31</sup>~~46~~, wherein the organic solvent is isopropanol or acetone.

A<sup>4</sup> <sup>34</sup>~~49~~. (Amended) The method of treating a polyester as claimed in any one of claims <sup>30</sup>~~45~~ to <sup>31</sup>~~46~~, wherein polyethylene terephthalate, which is obtained by the use of a titanium compound catalyst and in which the reaction has been completed, is treated.

A<sup>5</sup> <sup>38</sup>~~53~~. (Amended) The method for treating a polyester as claimed in claim <sup>35</sup>~~50~~, wherein the organic solvent is selected from alcohols, saturated hydrocarbons and ketones.

<sup>39</sup>~~54~~. (Amended) The method for treating a polyester as claimed in claim <sup>35</sup>~~50~~, wherein the organic solvent is isopropanol or acetone.

<sup>40</sup>~~55~~. (Amended) The method for treating a polyester as claimed in claim <sup>35</sup>~~50~~, wherein polyethylene terephthalate, which is obtained by the use of a titanium compound catalyst and in which the reaction has been completed, is treated.

<sup>41</sup>~~56~~. (Amended) A polyester (P-1) obtained by polycondensing an aromatic dicarboxylic acid or an ester-forming derivative thereof and an aliphatic diol or an ester-forming derivative thereof in the presence of a catalyst for polyester production comprising:

a polycondensation catalyst component comprising a solid titanium compound (I-c) obtained by dehydro-drying a hydrolyzate obtained by hydrolyzing a titanium halide, and

(II) a co-catalyst component comprising a compound of at least one element selected from the group consisting of beryllium, magnesium, calcium, strontium, barium, boron, aluminum, gallium, manganese, cobalt, zinc, germanium, antimony and phosphorus,

wherein the titanium content is in the range of 1 to 100 ppm, the magnesium content is in the range of 1 to 200 ppm, and the weight ratio (Mg/Ti) of magnesium to titanium is not less than 0.01.

54~~78~~. (Amended) A blow molded article obtained from the polyester (P-4) as claimed in any one of claims ~~62~~<sup>47</sup> or ~~63~~<sup>48</sup> and having a cyclic trimer content of not more than 0.6% by weight.

55~~78~~. (Amended) A perform for a blow molded article which is obtained from a polyester (P-5) having the following properties:

when the ratio (L/T) of a flow length (L) to a flow thickness (T) in the injection molding of said polyester at 290°C is taken as Y and the intrinsic viscosity of a molded product obtained by the injection molding is taken as X(dl/g), X and Y satisfy the following relation  $Y \geq 647-500X$ .

56~~78~~. (Amended) A blow molded article obtained from the perform of claim ~~78~~<sup>55</sup>.

A marked-up copy of the amended claims showing the changes made is attached hereto.